


To-day's Advertisements.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,
TRIESTE, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON;
1895

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PANAMA AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "NEPAJ," Captain ALDERSON, with her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on **THURSDAY, 27th August, at 4 p.m.**

Cargo will be received on board until

and 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
 For further Particulars regarding
 FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
 MANAGERS at OVERSEA-STRADING
 COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.
 The Contents and Value of Packages are
 required to be declared prior to shipment.
 Shippers, are particularly requested to
 observe the terms and conditions of the Com-
 pany's Black Bills of Lading.
 Passengers desirous of securing their bag-
 gage, can do so on application at the Com-
 pany's Office.
 * This Steamer calls at MANARUA.
 A. McIVER, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, August 18, 1885

Not Responsible for Debts.
 Whether the Captain, the Agents, nor
 Owners will be Responsible for
 Debt contracted by the Officers or
 Crew of the following Vessels, during
 their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
 ADAM W. SEARS, American barque; Capt.
 A. D. Fi-li—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 ANNETT DE SMITH, American ship, Capt.
 B. B. Brown—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 B. H. SKENESEN, German brig; Captain

C. A. Johnson.—Russell & Co.
ERIC REED, American barque, Capt. A.
T. Whittier.—Russell & Co.
FRANK PENDLETON, American ship, Capt.
E. P. Nichols.—Order.
HAROLDINE, American 4-masted schooner,
Captain Tibbetts.—Order.

NANAIMO, British barque, Captain John
Dodd.—Russell & Co.
PENOBSCOT, American barque, Capt. P. L.
Chapman.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SHIPPING

Papa, German barque, 770, Lorentzon,
Hamburg May 1, General.—**MELCHERS &
Co.**
Anna Sieben, German barque, 604, Paul-
son, Hon-cho August 11, Salt.—**WISSEN &
Co.**
August 18.—
Orestes, British steamer, 1393, Webster

SECRET

Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Id & Swire	August 20.
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Matheson & Co.	About August 26.
Id & Co.	August 27, at 4 p. m.
Karberg & Co.	About August 27.
James Martinis	August 20, at noon.
S. N. Co.	August 30, at daylight.
Matheson & Co.	About August 18.
Bell & Co.	About August 18.
S. N. Co.	About August 30.
Id & Co.	August 22, at 5 p. m.
Id & Co.	Quick despatch.
Id & Co.	Quick despatch.
Id & Co.	August 19, at 4 p. m.
Id & Swire.	August 20, at 4 p. m.

Co.....	August 22, at 3 p.m.
ach.....	August 23, at noon.
Co.....	August 20, at 3 p.m.
Bell & Co.....	Quick despatch.

AUGUST 18, 1885.
 Last Dividend Closing Y. tabular,

E 2 half year 104 1/2 prem. cash — 105
 prem. cash, 31st Aug. 1885
 Tis. 300 per share
 T. = 130

1882	buyers
1870	
\$ 10 for 1883	cash

5% half year 45 prem., ex div.
3% year end- 5% prem.
ing 30th June
84 171 w discount

6% half year	60 prem., ex div.
	\$84 per share

\$10	\$143 per share	
\$10	\$120	ex div., buyers
\$10	\$80	cash

...	\$69	cash
...	DET	

1. 2. prem.

as out that, even if begun at once, in March, 1892 "the new work" would not be finished till 1894. In a letter of the same date, the Surveyor General, referring to the Tunnel, informed the Colonial Office that, as far as the various officers of the Survey were concerned, they were of one opinion in their opinion with subterranean work, "I think it may be finished in two years or a little over, if the workmen keep healthy." From the two letters it appears that in 1878 Mr. Price suggested that, in view of the great expense, the work might be divided into three instalments, the first to include a mile from the tunnel.

and here the first mention is made in correspondence about the sanction to spend the money. Mr Price states as early as the 16th of October 1907, the Earl of Carnarvon sanctioned appropriation of £50,000 for the instalment of the works above re-

It would be preferable to carry out the complete Taitam water-works low level scheme at once, as recommended by Messrs Chadwick and Price, and conducted by Mr (now Sir) Robert Rawlinson. The Secretary of State, in his despatch dated the 11th May 1883, in-

to purchase the plant necessary to commence the works without delay. In this despatch the sum estimated as necessary by Mr Price is given as £105,000. We shall include this preliminary historical sketch of the celebrated Taitam project in the paragraph from Lord

directly with the mode of meeting
cost of the water-works. Much has
pened since this despatch was per-
which materially alters the position
affairs; but it is well, we think, to
in with the earlier Colonial Office
of the money-raising question, as
considerable discussion will doubtless

appears to me that, had the special been still directly available, it could have been expended on anything more concordant with the object for which it reserved, namely, the permanent well-being of the Chinese population of Hongkong, the work under consideration. The other portion of the fund has, however,

cost of this work must, therefore, be inferred principally from other sources, I infer from the latest statement of the assets and liabilities of the Colony that the funds sufficient to cover the cost of the waterworks without having recourse to a loan. The assets for the 1st of January

and other assets not directly available. liabilities; on the other hand, excluding source the amount due to the special account, but including expenditure and every other liability, were stated at only \$161,000 thus leaving a balance of assets directly available of \$1,000,000, of which a small part would have been available for the purpose of the

... \$3,000,000, so that it would
be possible to defray this cost out of the
accumulated balance on the general account,
funded by what remains of the special
fund. I shall be glad to learn whether I
am correct in these assumptions. If so, I
would propose not only to use up for the
workshops the remaining balance of the
special fund, in consideration of the fact

to stop the payment of the \$12,000 annuum, which is now repaid to it on account of the Fraya and the lighthouse, thus discharging the general revenue assets of the Colony from the liability to replace any portion of the special fund, which will accordingly cease to exist. I shall be glad to know whether you see objection to such an arrangement.

TELEGRAMS.
(Via Southern Line.)
GERMANY AND ZANZIBAR.
LONDON, 17th August.
The Sultan of Zanzibar has acceded to the

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER.
The British Government has no intention
present, of withdrawing the Boundary
mission.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
 TOWARD BOUND. Amphitrite, June 10;
 Artib, Bretagne, June 23; Mytho,
 Bangkok, July 3; Priam, Grafton,
 Plainmeyer, July 24; Glengarry, Ulys-
 ses, Gratitude, July 31; Oopack, Sa-
 lazie, Vercingetorix, Aug. 4; Archies,
 Orion, Altonower, Aug. 7; Anadyr,

August 14.
DOWNWARD BOUND—*Telamon*, *Strathmore*, July 31; *Glenarney*, *Heperia*, Aug. 4; *Ningehon*, *Glenavon*, Aug. 7; *Ajax*, *Mooser*, Aug. 11.
 Next **FRENCH MAIL**, per the *M. M. C.*'s steamer *Yankee*, left Singapore

here on or about Friday, the 21st inst.
The next AMERICAN MAIL, per the O.
& O. steamer *Oceanic*, left Yokohama
on Saturday, the 16th inst., at day-
light, and may be expected here on or
about Friday, the 21st inst.

E. S. Marria, from London, left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th instant.

3. Kapor left Singapore on the 6th
for the Coco Islands.

Passes.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
		Butterfield & Swire.	August 20.
(a)	Freeman	Butterfield & Swire.	Aug. 22.
(b)	Jacobs	Jarline, Matheson & Co.	About August 26.
(c)	Alderton	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 27, at 4 p.m.
(d)	Maelough	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About August 27.
(e)	Brotel	Messageries Maritimes.	August 20, at noon.
(f)	Spink	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 20, at daylight.
(g)	Park	Jarline, Matheson & Co.	About August 18.
(h)	Peters	Adanson, Bell & Co.	About August 23.
(i)	Chipman	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
(j)	Wright	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 20, at 3 p.m.
(k)	Norcross	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
(l)	Raymond	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
(m)	Andrew	Russell & Co.	August 19, at 4 p.m.
(n)	Webster	Butterfield & Swire.	August 20, at 4 p.m.
(o)	F. Ashton	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 20, at daylight.
(p)	Arthur	Douglas LaPratt & Co.	August 19, at noon.
(q)	Craig	Butterfield & Swire.	August 20, at daylight.
(r)	Deporty	Russell & Co.	August 22, at 3 p.m.
(s)	James	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 20, at noon.
(t)	Jones	Russell & Co.	August 20, at 3 p.m.
(u)	D. Williams	Adanson, Bell & Co.	Quick despatch.

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Danvers, July 8; Fram, Graston,
Plainmiller, July 24; Glengarry, Oly-
ses, Gratitude, July 31; Oopack, Sa-
larie, Vercingetorix, Aug. 4; Anchises,
Orion, Alloumox, Aug. 7; Anadyr,

next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M.

on Saturday, the 10th inst., at day-
light, and may be expected here on or
about Friday, the 21st inst.

just, and may be expected here on
or about the 17th instant.

1. **BIOMASS**, reduced to 88 degrees of humidity, and to the level of the sea in inches and hundredths.
2. **TEMPERATURE**, in the shade in Fahrenheit.
3. **HUMIDITY**, in percentage of saturation.
4. **WIND**, in percentage of humidity of the air saturated with moisture.
5. **FORCE OF WIND**, in two points.
6. **STATE OF WEATHER**, at time of observation, clouds, drizzling rain, fog, snow, hail, lightning, a snowstorm, meaning of quality, i.e., rain, a shower, thunder, etc.
7. **RAIN**, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

